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SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/911,641 filed August 15, 1997, of C. Scott Weber for SYSTEM FOR THE RADIO TRANSMISSION OF REAL-TIME AIRLINE FLIGHT INFORMATION.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/911,641 as originally filed on August 15, 1997.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☒ Cancel Claims 1-7, and 11.
4. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

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Basic Application Filing Fee					690.00	\$ 690.00
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6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$690.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:
 --This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/911,641 filed August 15, 1997, of C. Scott Weber for SYSTEM FOR THE RADIO TRANSMISSION OF REAL-TIME AIRLINE FLIGHT INFORMATION, and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/038,884, filed February 20, 1997, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--
9. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
10. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: The SABRE Group, Inc.
11. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
12. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status
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14. □ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.

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18. ■ Also enclosed is an Amendment to the parent application and a petition for extension of time to file the parent application Amendment and this Continuation Application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 08/911,641 filed August 15, 1997, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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CONVERSION OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

SERIAL NO. 60/038,884

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SYSTEM FOR THE RADIO TRANSMISSION
OF REAL-TIME AIRLINE FLIGHT INFORMATION

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an improved information delivery system and, more specifically, to an architecture and network that allows real time digital signals to be stored, retrieved and converted to an audio signal for radio transmission to achieve the nearly instantaneous transmission of real-time data.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Without limiting the scope of the invention, the present invention relates to a network for gathering data and translating the data into a user-friendly format for transmission over a user-friendly medium. In such networks, emphasis is heavily placed on the accuracy of the information, the timeliness in the delivery of the information and the mode of the delivery of the information.

In the field pertaining to this invention, the transmitted data is airline flight arrival and departure information. In the history of scheduled passenger air transportation, it has always been a goal to get flight arrival and departure information to the public in as an efficient method as possible. In the beginning days of scheduled passenger flight, this information was generally delivered by voice and written word. Passengers would call or, if at the airport, ask an agent of the airline the time of departure or arrival of a particular flight. The information would be available either by the spoken word or a sign located within the confines of an airport.

Since that time and continuing to today, the passenger still gets the information the same way. Through the spoken word or through the written word. What has changed tremendously is the way the information is gathered and distributed. In the early days, the scheduling information was set by the airline and then distributed in schedule books.

This prior system did not address scheduling changes that occurred after the schedule book was printed. Changes could occur for any number of reasons, including delays due to weather, mechanical problems or because of changes in an airline's overall flight system.

The passengers would not be made aware of these changes until they entered the airport. The duty to inform the passengers fell to the agent at the airport. Overall, the prior manual

system was a very inefficient system.

As time went on, technology began to introduce changes in the way information was gathered and distributed. With the advent of the Semi-Automated Business Research Environment (SABRE), airlines began to have a tool at their disposal that allowed them to gather information more efficiently. Today, SABRE, a computerized reservation service (CRS), and other CRS', such as Covia, Worldspan and Apollo, collect and disburse information regarding not only passenger reservation information but also flight information. These CRS' enable information to be more timely disbursed over a wide geographic area almost instantaneously. Today that geographic area includes the entire world.

Today's methods of conveying the scheduled flight information to passengers, include automated telephone flight information services, e-mail, facsimile, use of television screens at airports along with public address systems at individual gates. There are video monitors placed inside the airport structures. Airports also have public address systems that are used to announce the most timely of information, flight cancellations, gate changes, explanations for other nonscheduled events. Large signs have been erected at some airports that provide flight information to people entering the airports. These signs have diminished value during inclement weather because visibility is poor, making it difficult for the visiting airport person to read.

Accordingly, today there are various overlays of ways flight information is delivered to the airport visitor.

In the case of various large airports where there may be more than one airport terminal, an improved system for providing flight information prior to entering the airport facilities is needed.

The instant invention gathers flight information from a variety of sources, both human and computer, and converts it to a user-friendly audio signal, then transmits it to the airport visitor's automobile via radio frequencies for reception in the airport visitor's automobile. In this way, real-time information is delivered timely, accurately and in a user-friendly medium. Radio reception is not affected by weather conditions except in the most extreme of conditions.

Therefore, the airport visitor has the information needed to determine where they need to go to either take or meet a flight. The radio signal is strong enough that it will reach the airport visitor's automobile prior to arriving at the airport in most instances, further providing ease of use.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is an improved flight information collection and delivery system that provides real-time information in a user-friendly format. The invention offers the advantage of delivering real-time information to the airport visitor prior to entering the airport terminal in a way that is timely, accurate and largely independent of environmental factors.

It is a primary advantage of the present invention to provide real-time flight information to airport visitors. This is accomplished by connecting input from a variety of sources to a virtual network. As information is gathered about a specific flight, it is fed through a network to a computerized network. The information may include expected time of arrival, departure times, flight number, gate information, etc. The computer network is a computerized reservation system (CRS). The flight information is gathered by the CRS as part of its normal operations. It is converted into a computer language that allows it to be processed by the computer and then used to do a variety of functions, including scheduling flights, assigning crews, keeping updated information on weather, etc.

The present invention takes this raw data in its computer language form and retrieves arrival and departure information. It should be noted that this information is the most current and comprehensive information that can be obtained about a particular flight. This information is taken from the CRS and stored on a file server. A personal computer, p.c., then accesses the file server on a periodic basis. It takes the information, retrieves and transmits it to a second p.c. that converts the computer language into a form that permits audio reception on radios. The signal is broadcast via a radio transmitter to the airport visitor. In this way, the airport visitor receives the most current information in a convenient and timely manner.

Another advantage of this invention is that the system will reboot itself, without human intervention and the reboot will be virtually invisible to the ultimate user. By utilizing a particular memory location and placing a bit where one was not before, the system will automatically recognize when the bit is missing. The bite will be missing when the system is not receiving information from the data storage on the file server. Monitoring the location is a background task. The background task will read that that location is empty and force a hard reading.

For a more complete understanding of the present invention, including its features and advantages, reference is now made to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a high level block diagram of a network according to one aspect of this invention;

5 Figure 2 is a high level block diagram of the equipment that receives the data through to the transmission; and

Figure 3 is a high level block flow chart of the steps the system undertakes to present the information.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the following detailed description, a user shall mean and encompass a single user, a plurality of users or anyone of a plurality of users. The word "user" shall be used to mean anyone using an airport facility. Also, a node shall be understood to mean an entry point into a network, a network element, server or other designated point of access. Other similar connotations shall be obvious to those skilled in the art upon reference to this disclosure.

In Figure 1, the flight information network is shown and generally denoted as 5. Flight information network 5 is a network connected to a variety of flight information sources. The information enters through various nodes. The nodes consist of output monitors 10, printers 15, computerized reservation system (CRS) 20, and a file server 25 having a database 30. The output monitors 10 are used to output information regarding flight arrivals and departures at various locations from around the world. The flight information is sent to CRS 20 from various sources where it is stored and then transmitted out to the nodes. This information is received at an airport local area network LAN 35.

The information stored in the CRS 20 is delivered to the airport LAN 35 where it is then disbursed to various nodes. These nodes may include the monitors 10, the printers 15 and other output devices.

The present invention is a part of, and accesses, the LAN 35 to retrieve the information it needs to broadcast to the airport visitor. As previously mentioned, the LAN 35 also has a database 30 as part of a file server 25. The database 30 also captures the flight information received from the CRS 20 and culls it out from the other information. The information is held here until it is called up by personal computer 45. It is the role of personal computer 45 to

receive flight information from the file server 25. Personal computer 45 takes the information retrieved from the file server 25 and converts it to an audio wave file. In the present invention, this is a typical audio wave file as developed by Microsoft. In this process, the soundblaster is initialized. The core of this function is called playwave. It first initializes the soundblaster.

5 Then in the next step it allocates memory to receive the header information. It checks to make sure the digital signal processor is present and functioning properly. The playwave function calls all subsequent functions to the header file to read the wave. The timing loop is also set during this time. The time is set in the file server 25 from input from the CRS 20.

In Figure 2, a high level block diagram of the equipment that receives the data is shown. Personal computer 45 is configured with a digital signal processor, DSP, which is 100%
10 soundblaster compatible 16, version 4.0 or greater, with a 16 bit DMA access. Such a DSP is manufactured by Creative Labs. It is available royalty free over the Internet and needs slight customization for use with the invention. The necessary modifications are obvious to one skilled in the art.

15 The database 30 has a spelling disk 50 associated with it. Each airport has a separate and distinct city code associated with it. For example, the airport located between Dallas and Fort Worth is identified by the city code DFW. The city code of the airport at Fresno is FAT. The city code for Chicago's O'HARE field is ORD. Accordingly, one of the things the program must do is to translate the airport name from the city code into an audio wave file the name of the city
20 that is recognizable to the user.

To do this a spelling disk 50 is associated with the local personal computer 45. The spelling disk uses a routine that automatically translates from city code to user language. A

separate routine is required for this because the system needs to be able to differentiate between similar city names. For example, when the city San Jose is mentioned, one needs to know if this is San Jose, California or San Jose, Costa Rica. Another example would be Monterrey, California and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

The same logistics encountered with the real time automated voice response system for flight information occurs here with this system. A person having ordinary skill in the art would be familiar with the work necessary to handle all the nuances that are associated with changing city codes to audible city names. Listed below is the table that is used to convert city code to audible city names.

ABE	Allentown-Bethlehem
ABI	Abilene
ABQ	Albuquerque
ACA	Acapulco
ACK	Nantucket, MA
ACT	Waco
ACV	Eureka Arcata CA
AEX	Alexandria LA
AFW	Alliance-Afw
AGP	Malaga
AKL	Auckland, New Zealand
ALB	Albany
ALO	Waterloo
AMA	Amarillo
ANC	Anchorage
ANU	Antigua
APF	Naples FL
ARN	Stockholm
ASE	Aspen
ASU	Asuncion
ATL	Atlanta
AUA	Aruba
AUH	Abu Dhabi
AUS	Austin
AVL	Asheville
AXA	Anguilla
AZO	Kalamazoo

	BAH	Bahrain, Bahrain
	BAQ	Barranquilla
	BDA	Bermuda
	BDL	Hartford-Springfield
5	BFL	Bakersfield
	BGI	Barbados
	BHM	Birmingham AL
	BHX	Birmingham UK
	BJX	Leon Mexico
10	BMI	Bloomington IL
	BNA	Nashville
	BOG	Bogota, Colombia
	BOI	Boise, Idaho
	BOS	Boston
15	BPT	Beaumont-Port Arthur
	BQK	Brunswick GA
	BQN	Aguadilla PR
	BRL	Burlington IA
	BRU	Brussels, Belgium
20	BTR	Baton Rouge
	BUD	Budapest, Hungary
	BUF	Buffalo
	BUR	Burbank
	BWI	Baltimore-Washington
25	BZE	Belize City, Belize
	CAE	Columbia SC
	CAK	Akron-Canton
	CCS	Caracas
	CGH	Sao Paulo, Brazil
30	CHA	Chattanooga
	CHS	Charleston SC
	CIC	Chico CA
	CID	Cedar Rapids-Iowa City
	CKB	Clarksburg WV
35	CLD	Carlsbad CA
	CLE	Cleveland
	CLL	College Station
	CLO	Cali, Colombia
	CLT	Charlotte NC
40	CMH	Columbus OH
	CMI	Champaign-Urbana
	CNF	Belo Horizonte Brazil
	COS	Colorado Springs
	CPT	Cape Town
45	CRP	Corpus Christi
	CSG	Columbus GA
	CUN	Cancun
	CUR	Curacao, Netherland Anti
	CUU	Chihuahua, Mexico

	CVG	Cincinnati
	CWA	Wausau-Stevens Pt
	CZM	Cozumel
5	DAB	Daytona Beach
	DAY	Dayton
	DBQ	Dubuque
	DCA	Washington-National
	DEC	Decatur IL
10	DEN	Denver
	DFW	Dallas-Ft Worth
	DOH	Doha, Qatar
	DOM	Dominica
	DRO	Durango Colorado
15	DSM	Des Moines
	DTW	Detroit
	DUS	Dusseldorf
	EGE	Vail CO
	EIS	Tortola Beef Island
20	ELP	El Paso
	ESF	Alexandria
	EUG	Eugene OR
	EVV	Evansville IN
	EWN	New Bern NC
25	EWR	Newark
	EYW	Key West
	EZE	Buenos Aires, Argentina
	FAI	Fairbanks
	FAR	Fargo
30	FAT	Fresno
	FAY	Fayetteville NC
	FDF	Fort De France
	FLL	Ft Lauderdale
	FLO	Florence SC
35	FMN	Farmington NM
	FMY	Fort Myers
	FNT	Flint
	FPO	Freeport, Bahamas
	FRA	Frankfurt, Germany
40	FSD	Sioux Falls
	FSM	Ft Smith
	FTW	Fort Worth
	FWA	Ft Wayne
	FYV	Fayetteville AR
45	GCM	Grand Cayman
	GDL	Guadalajara, Mexico
	GEO	Georgetown, Guyana
	GGG	Longview-Kilgore
	GGT	George Town
	GHB	Governors Hrbr

	GIG	Rio De Janeiro
	GLA	Glasgow UK
	GLS	Galveston, Texas
	GND	Grenada
5	GPT	Gulfport Biloxi
	GRB	Green Bay
	GRR	Grand Rapids
	GRU	Sao Paulo, Brazil
	GSO	Greensboro
10	GSP	Greenville-Spartanburg
	GSW	Ft.worth-Great Southwest
	GTR	Columbus-Starkville
	GUA	Guatemala City
	GUC	Gunnison
15	GYE	Guayaquil, Ecuador
	HDN	Steamboat Springs
	HDQ	Test City
	HEL	Helsinki, Finland
	HHH	Hilton Head
20	HKY	Hickory NC
	HNL	Honolulu
	HOU	Houston-Hobby
	HPN	Westchester Cty
	HRL	Harlingen
25	HSV	Huntsville
	HUF	Terre Haute
	HUX	Huatulco MX
	IAD	Washington-Dulles
	IAH	Houston Intercontinental
30	ICT	Wichita
	IDA	Idaho Falls
	IFP	Laughlin-Bullhead City
	ILE	Killeen
	ILM	Wilmington NC
35	IND	Indianapolis
	INT	Winston-Salem
	ISP	Long Island MacArthur
	IYK	Inyokern CA
	JAC	Jackson Hole
40	JAN	Jackson MS
	JAX	Jacksonville
	JFK	New York-JFK
	JNB	Johannesburg
	JXN	Jackson MI
45	KIN	Kingston, Jamaica
	LAF	Lafayette IN
	LAN	Lansing
	LAS	Las Vegas
	LAW	Lawton

	LAX	Los Angeles
	LBB	Lubbock
	LCH	Lake Charles
	LEX	Lexington
5	LFT	Lafayette LA
	LGA	New York-LGA
	LGB	Long Beach
	LGW	London-LGW
	LHR	London-LHR
10	LIM	Lima, Peru
	LIT	Little Rock
	LMT	Klamath Falls
	LPB	La Paz, Bolivia
	LRD	Laredo
15	LRM	Casa De Campo-LRM
	LSE	Lacrosse-Winona
	LYH	Lynchburg VA
	MAD	Madrid, Spain
	MAF	Midland-Odessa
20	MAN	Manchester UK
	MAR	Maracaibo
	MAZ	Mayaguez, PR
	MBJ	Montego Bay, Jamaica
	MBS	Saginaw
25	MCE	Merced CA
	MCI	Kansas City
	MCO	Orlando
	MCT	Muscat Oman
	MDT	Harrisburg
30	MDW	Chicago-Midway
	MEI	Meridian MS
	MEL	Melbourne, Australia
	MEM	Memphis
	MEX	Mexico City
35	MFE	McAllen
	MFR	Medford Oregon
	MGA	Managua, Nicaragua
	MGM	Montgomery
	MHH	Marsh Harbor, Bahamas
40	MIA	Miami
	MIE	Muncie
	MKE	Milwaukee
	MKG	Muskegon MI
	MLB	Melbourne FL
45	MLI	Moline IL
	MLU	Monroe
	MOB	Mobile
	MOD	Modesto CA
	MQT	Marquette

	MRY	Monterey CA
	MSN	Madison WI
	MSP	Minneapolis-St Paul
	MSY	New Orleans
5	MTH	Marathon FL
	MTY	Monterrey, Mexico
	MUC	Munich, Germany
	MVD	Montevideo, Uruguay
	MWX	Mosstown Bahamas
10	MXP	Milan, Italy
	MYR	Myrtle Beach
	NAP	Naples FL
	NAS	Nassau, Bahamas
	NRT	Tokyo-Narita
15	OAJ	Jacksonville NC
	OAK	Oakland
	OGG	Kahului Maui
	OKC	Oklahoma City
	OMA	Omaha
20	ONT	Ontario CA
	ORD	Chicago
	ORF	Norfolk
	ORY	Paris, France
	OWB	Owensboro KY
25	OXR	Oxnard
	PAH	Paducah KY
	PAP	Port Au Prince
	PBI	West Palm Beach
	PDX	Portland OR
30	PGV	Greenville NC
	PHF	Newport News
	PHL	Philadelphia
	PHX	Phoenix
	PIA	Peoria
35	PIE	St Petersburg
	PIT	Pittsburgh
	PLS	Providenciales, Turks
	PNS	Pensacola
	POP	Puerto Plata, DR
40	POS	Port Of Spain, Trinidad
	POU	Poughkeepsie
	PRX	Paris, TX
	PSE	Ponce, Pr
	PSP	Palm Springs
45	PTP	Pointe A Pitre
	PTY	Panama City
	PUJ	Punta Cana, Dr
	PVD	Providence
	PVR	Puerto Vallarta

	RDD	Redding
	RDM	Redmond OR
	RDU	Raleigh-Durham
	RFD	Rockford IL
5	RIC	Richmond
	RNO	Reno
	ROA	Roanoke
	ROC	Rochester NY
	RST	Rochester MN
10	RSW	Fort Myers
	SAL	San Salvador
	SAN	San Diego
	SAP	San Pedro Sula
	SAT	San Antonio
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	SBA	Santa Barbara
	SBN	South Bend
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	SCQ	Santiago D Cmpst
	SDF	Louisville
	SDQ	Santo Domingo
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	SEL	Seoul, Korea
	SFB	Sanford FL
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	SGF	Springfield MO
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	SJC	San Jose, California
	SJD	Los Cabos
35	SJO	San Jose, Costa Rica
	SJT	San Angelo
	SJU	San Juan
	SKB	St Kitts
	SLC	Salt Lake City
40	SLU	St Lucia
	SMF	Sacramento
	SMX	Santa Maria
	SNA	Orange County
	SPI	Springfield IL
45	SPS	Wichita Falls
	SRQ	Sarasota
	STL	St Louis
	STS	Santa Rosa, CA
	STT	St Thomas, USVI

	STX	St Croix, USVI
	SUX	Sioux City IA
	SVD	St Vincent
	SVO	Moscow, Russia
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	SXM	St Maarten
	SYD	Sydney, Australia
	SYR	Syracuse
	TAM	Tampico
10	TCB	Treasure Cay
	TCL	Tuscaloosa
	TFS	Tenerife
	TGU	Tegucigalpa
	TLH	Tallahassee FL
15	TOL	Toledo
	TPA	Tampa
	TPL	Temple TX
	TSS	MidtownManhattan
	TUL	Tulsa
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	TVC	Traverse City
	TXK	Texarkana
	TXL	Berlin
	TYR	Tyler
25	TYS	Knoxville
	UIO	Quito, Ecuador
	UVF	St Lucia
	VIJ	Virgin Gorda
	VIS	Visalia
30	VLN	Valencia
	VPS	Ft Walton Beach
	VRB	Vero Beach, Fl
	VVI	Santa Cruz, Bolivia
35	WAW	Warsaw
	YEG	Edmonton
	YHM	Hamilton, Canada
	YHZ	Halifax
	YOW	Ottawa
	YQB	Quebec City
40	VPS	Ft Walton Beach
	VRB	Vero Beach, Fl
	VVI	Santa Cruz, Bolivia
	WAW	Warsaw
	YEG	Edmonton
45	YHM	Hamilton, Canada
	YHZ	Halifax
	YOW	Ottawa
	YQB	Quebec City
	YUL	Montreal

YVR Vancouver BC
YWG Winnipeg MB
YYC Calgary
YYZ Toronto
5 ZIH Zihuatanejo
ZRH Zurich, Switzerland
ZRK Rockford IL
ZSA San Salvador BH

10 The CRS 20 retrieves, stores and dispatches information about every matter concerning a flight. This information includes all take offs and landings. They are reported through the CRS 20 and then the information is dispensed throughout the system. The flight information is retrieved and stored into a database 30. This information is, in turn, be called up for use by the file server 25 in response to periodic requests from personal computer 45.

15 Because a large amount of information is received from the CRS 20, other information above and beyond arrival and departure times may also be retrieved. These enhancements would include other airline information. For example, the present invention may be used to identify not only the flight arrival time, but also the airline for which the craft is flying.

20 In another embodiment the present invention may have a continuous loop that periodically repeats the identity of the airline for whom the flight information is being provided.

All of this information is fed into the personal computer 45 where, as stated previously, a wave file is called up to translate the information from machine language into a user-friendly format.

25 From the personal computer 45, the information is transmitted to an audio plug 55 The audio plug 55 goes directly to a regular telephone circuit 60. The audio plug connects personal computer 45 with the airport network. The circuit may be a dedicated line or part of a vertical

network. In the preferred embodiment, it is a part of a dedicated line.

The telephone circuit goes out to an airport LAN 63 shown at Figure 2. The airport LAN 63 includes a radio transmitter 65 located at the airport. In the preferred embodiment the radio transmitter is a 60 watt transmitter with a broadcast radius of 10 miles. The broadcast is received on a user's radio and the user then audibly hears pertinent information regarding flight arrival and departure.

Figure 3 is a high level flow chart showing the steps of the software program. In general, the program first loads the software configuration. Then it looks for and connects to the network. From the network, the software locates the file server and transfers flight information into half of a buffer. At the same time, it initializes the soundblaster and wave files and DMA. Next, it sets up the wave file and DSP. The information is then converted to an audio format and then sent to the airport LAN 63 to be sent to an equalizer 70. From the equalizer 70, the information is sent to a transmitter 65 and from there out through airport antennae 75.

A copy of the source code follows. It is an embodiment of the invention but the invention should not be limited to this code. It is provided as an example.

/* FILE: DMAW.C Original copyright pasted back

in... */

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* FILE : DMAW.C ver 1.01 (Aug 15, 94)

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10 * DMA DEMO PROGRAM FOR PLAYING WAVE FILES

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* PURPOSE: This program demonstrates how to play a .wav

file

* using DMA auto-init mode.

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* LIMITATION : This program does not support 8 bit STEREO

for SBPro.

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* 16 bit files must use the SB16.

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* DISCLAIMER : Although this program has been tested with

* standard 8/16 bit PCM WAVE files, there

could

* exist some unknown bugs.

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/******
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I have modified this code to remove some Creative Labs

Specific limitations

and allow easy repeated use, as needed for our project

5 - Scott

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#include <dos.h>
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#include <memory.h>
```

```
10 #include <stdio.h>
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```
#include <stdlib.h>
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#define DMA_BUF_SIZE 8192
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#define DMA8_FF_REG 0xC
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15 #define DMA8_MASK_REG 0xA
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#define DMA8_MODE_REG 0xB
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```
#define DMA16_FF_REG 0xD8
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#define DMA16_MASK_REG 0xD4
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#define DMA16_MODE_REG 0xD6
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#define DMA0_ADDR 0
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#define DMA0_COUNT 1
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```

#define DSP_RESET          0x6

#define DSP_TIME_CONSTANT  0x0040

#define DSP_WRITE_PORT      0xC

#define DSP_VERSION        0xE1

```

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```

#define AUTO_INIT          1

#define FAIL                0

#define FALSE              0

#define MASTER_VOLUME      0x22

#define MIC_VOLUME         0x0A

#define MIXER_ADDR         0x4

#define MIXER_DATA         0x5

#define MONO                0

#define PIC_END_OF_INT     0x20

#define PIC_MASK           0x21

#define PIC_MODE           0x20

#define SUCCESS            1

#define SINGLE_CYCLE       0

#define STEREO              1

#define TRUE                1

#define VOICE_VOLUME       0x04

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```

struct WAVEHDR{
    char      format[4];    // RIFF
    unsigned long  f_len;    // filelength
    char      wave_fmt[8];  // WAVEfmt_
5    unsigned long  fmt_len; // format lenght
    unsigned short fmt_tag;  // format Tag
    unsigned short channel;  // Mono/Stereo
    unsigned long  samples_per_sec;
    unsigned long  avg_bytes_per_sec;
10    unsigned short blk_align;
    unsigned short bits_per_sample;
    char      data[4];      // data
    unsigned long  data_len; // data size
    } wavehdr;
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/*----- FUNCTION PROTOTYPES -----

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char      GetBlasterEnv(int *, int *, int *),

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        InitDMADSP(unsigned long, int, int),

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ResetDSP(int);
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```
unsigned int FillHalfOfBuffer(int *, FILE *, unsigned char  
*);
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unsigned long AllocateDMABuffer(unsigned char **),  
OnSamePage(unsigned char *);
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```
void Play(unsigned int, char),  
10 DSPOut(int, int),  
Fill_play_buf(unsigned char *, int *, FILE *),  
SetMixer(void);
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```
void interrupt DMAOutputISR(void); // Interrupt Service  
15 Routine
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```
int Chk_hdr(FILE *);
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/*-----  
-----*/
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```
/*----- GLOBAL DECLARATIONS -----  
-----*/
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/*-----
-----*/

```

```

char gBufNowPlaying,
    gEndOfFile,
5    gLastBufferDonePlaying,
    Mode,    // indicates MONO or STEREO
    g16BitDMA;

```

```

int Base,
10    DSP_Ver;
char SecondToLastBufferPlayed;
unsigned long gNoOfBytesLeftInFile;

```

```

void (_interrupt _far *IRQSave)();

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```

unsigned char *DMABuffer;
unsigned int BytesLeftToPlay;
unsigned long BufPhysAddr;

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20 int DMAChan8Bit,
    DMAChan16Bit,

```

IRQNumber;

int init_sb_stuff(void) {

5 int RetValue;

 BufPhysAddr = AllocateDMABuffer(&DMABuffer);

 if (BufPhysAddr == FAIL)

 {

 puts("DMA Buffer allocation failed!--PROGRAM ABORTED");

10 exit(0);

 }

 RetValue = GetBlasterEnv(&DMACHan8Bit, &DMACHan16Bit,
&IRQNumber);

15 if (RetValue == FAIL)

 {

 puts("BLASTER env. string or parameter(s) missing--
PROGRAM ABORTED!");

 free(DMABuffer);

20 exit(0);

 }


```

if(ResetDSP(Base) == FAIL)
{
    puts("Unable to reset DSP chip--PROGRAM TERMINATED!");
    free(DMABuffer);
5    exit(0);
}

return 0;
}

```

```

10 int sb_close(void) {
    free(DMABuffer);
    return 0;
}

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15
/*--- BEGIN main() -----
-----*/
/*-----
-----*/

```

```

20 int playwav(char *filename) {

```

```

    FILE *FileToPlay;

```

```

int BufToFill, IRQMask, MaskSave;

// unsigned long gNoOfBytesLeftInFile;

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```

SecondToLastBufferPlayed = FALSE;

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5   gBufNowPlaying = gEndOfFile =

      gLastBufferDonePlaying = Mode = g16BitDMA = 0;

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/*--- OPEN FILE TO BE PLAYED -----
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10  /*-----
--*/

      if ((FileToPlay = fopen(filename, "rb")) == NULL)

return -1;

```

```

15  /*--- VERIFY FILE IS .WAV FORMAT-----
--*/

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/*-----
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```

if(Chk_hdr(FileToPlay)) {

20   printf("Header check error - PROGRAM ABORTED");

      return -1;

}

```

```
Mode = (wavehdr.channel == 1) ? MONO : STEREO;
```

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/*--- PRINT OUT INFO -----
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```
printf(" DMA Buffer Address   = %4x:%-4x (SEG:OFF)
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(hex)\n",
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FP_SEG(DMABuffer), FP_OFF(DMABuffer));
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printf(" DMA Buffer Phys. Addr. = %-7lu (decimal)\n",
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BufPhysAddr);
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printf(" 8-bit DMA channel    = %-5d
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(decimal)\n", DMAChan8Bit);
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printf(" 16-bit DMA channel   = %-5d
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(decimal)\n", DMAChan16Bit);
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printf(" I/O port address    = %-3x (hex)\n",
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Base);
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```
printf(" IRQ number          = %-2d
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(decimal)\n\n", IRQNumber);
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***/  
  
if((DSP_Ver < 4) && (wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 16)) {
```

```

fclose(FileToPlay);

return -1;

}

```

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```

IRQSave = _dos_getvect((unsigned)(IRQNumber + 8));

_dos_setvect(IRQNumber + 8, DMAOutputISR);

```

```

/*--- SAVE CURRENT INTERRUPT MASK AND SET NEW INTERRUPT

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```

MASK -----*/

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/*-----

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-----*/

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```

MaskSave = inp((int) PIC_MASK);

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IRQMask = ((int) 1 << IRQNumber); // Shift a 1 left

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IRQNumber of bits

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outp(PIC_MASK, (MaskSave & ~IRQMask)); // Enable previous

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AND new interrupts

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/*--- PROGRAM THE DMA, DSP CHIPS -----

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```

if (InitDMADSP(BufPhysAddr, DMACHan8Bit, DMACHan16Bit) ==
FAIL) {
    puts("InitDMADSP() fails--PROGRAM ABORTED!");
    fclose(FileToPlay);
5    exit(0);
}

```

```

/*--- FILL THE FIRST 1/2 OF DMA BUFFER BEFORE PLAYING
BEGINS -----*/

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```

    BufToFill      = 0;    // Altered by
FillHalfOfBuffer()

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    gEndOfFile     = FALSE; // Altered by
15 FillHalfOfBuffer()

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```

    gBufNowPlaying = 0;    // Altered by ISR
    gLastBufferDonePlaying = FALSE; // Set in ISR
    gNoOfBytesLeftInFile = wavehdr.data_len;
    SetMixer();

```

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20
    BytesLeftToPlay = FillHalfOfBuffer(&BufToFill, FileToPlay,
DMABuffer);

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```
/*--- BEGIN PLAYING THE FILE -----
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5    if (wavehdr.data_len < DMA_BUF_SIZE / 2) // File size is  
    < 1/2 buffer size.
```

```
{
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```
    Play(BytesLeftToPlay, SINGLE_CYCLE);
```

```
10    while (gBufNowPlaying == 0); // Wait for playing to  
    finish (ISR called)
```

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}
```

```
    else // File size >= 1/2 buffer size
```

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{
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```
    Play(BytesLeftToPlay, AUTO_INIT);
```

```
    Fill_play_buf(DMABuffer, &BufToFill, FileToPlay);
```

```
}
```

```
20    DSPOut(Base, DSP_HALT_SINGLE_CYCLE_DMA); // Done playing,  
    halt DMA
```

```
/*--- RESTORE ISR AND ORIGINAL IRQ VECTOR -----
```

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/*-----
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```
5 outp(PIC_MASK, MaskSave);  
  
_dos_setvect((unsigned)(IRQNumber + 8), IRQSave);
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fclose(FileToPlay);
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return(0);
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}
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* FUNCTION : Chk_hdr()
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* DESCRIPTION : check for validity of the wave file header
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```
int Chk_hdr(FILE * FileToPlay)
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{
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```
    char * dummy[80];
```

```
5    memset (&wavehdr,0,sizeof(wavehdr)); //init to 0
```

```
    fread(&wavehdr, 44, 1, FileToPlay); // Get file type
```

```
description.
```

```
    if (memcmp(wavehdr.format, "RIFF", 4)) return -1;
```

```
10    if (memcmp(wavehdr.wave_fmt, "WAVEfmt ", 8)) return -1;
```

```
    if (!((wavehdr.channel == 1) || (wavehdr.channel == 2)))
```

```
return -1;
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    if (memcmp(wavehdr.data, "data", 4)) {
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        if (memcmp(wavehdr.data, "fact", 4)) return -1;
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        while(wavehdr.data_len) {
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            fread(dummy,(int) (wavehdr.data_len%80), 1,
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FileToPlay); // Get file type description.
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```
            wavehdr.data_len -= wavehdr.data_len%80;
```

```
20    }
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    fread(wavehdr.data, 8, 1, FileToPlay);
```

```
    if (memcmp(wavehdr.data, "data", 4)) return -1;
```



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}
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return 0;
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```
} /* chk_hdr() */
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* FUNCTION: Play()
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```
* DESCRIPTION : Sets up playing of the wave file depending  
on number
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* of bits per sample, MONO/STEREO and DMAMode
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```
void Play(unsigned int BytesLeftToPlay, char DMAMode)
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{
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```
/*--- IF BytesLeftToPlay IS 0 OR 1, MAKE SURE THAT WHEN
```

DSPOut() IS ---*/

/*--- CALLED, THE COUNT DOESN'T WRAP AROUND TO A + NUMBER

WHEN 1 IS ---*/

/* SUBTRACTED! -----

5 -----*/

if(BytesLeftToPlay <= 1 && g16BitDMA)

BytesLeftToPlay = 2;

else if (BytesLeftToPlay == 0 && !g16BitDMA)

BytesLeftToPlay = 1;

if(DSP_Ver < 4) // SBPro (DSP ver 3.xx)

{

if(wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 8)

{

if (DMAMode == AUTO_INIT)

{

DSPOut(Base, DSP_BLOCK_SIZE);

DSPOut(Base, (int) ((BytesLeftToPlay - 1) & 0x00FF));

DSPOut(Base, (int) ((BytesLeftToPlay - 1) >> 8));

DSPOut(Base, 0x001C); // AUTO INIT 8bit PCM

}

else


```
DSPOut(Base, (BytesLeftToPlay/2 - 1) >> 8);    //
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HI byte size

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}
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```
5   else if(DSP_Ver == 4)// SB16 (DSP ver 4.xx)
```

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{
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```
    DSPOut(Base, 0x0041); // DSP output transfer rate
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    DSPOut(Base, (int) ((wavehdr.samples_per_sec &
0x0000FF00) >> 8)); // Hi byte
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```
10   DSPOut(Base, (int) (wavehdr.samples_per_sec &
0x000000FF));    // Lo byte
```

```
    if (DMAMode == AUTO_INIT)
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        DSPOut(Base, (wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 8) ? 0x00C6 :
15   0x00B6); // AUTO INIT 8/16 bit
```

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    else
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        DSPOut(Base, (wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 8) ? 0x00C0 :
0x00B0); // SINGLE CYCLE 8/16
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```
    if (wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 8)
```

```
        DSPOut(Base, (Mode == MONO) ? 0x0000 : 0x0020); //
```

8bit MONO/STEREO

else

DSPOut(Base, (Mode == MONO) ? 0x0010 : 0x0030); //

16bit MONO/STEREO

5

/*--- Program number of samples to play -----

-----*/

DSPOut(Base, (int)

((BytesLeftToPlay/(wavehdr.bits_per_sample/8) - 1) &

10 0x00FF)); // LO byte

DSPOut(Base, (int)

((BytesLeftToPlay/(wavehdr.bits_per_sample/8) - 1) >> 8));

// HI byte

}

15

return;

}

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* FUNCTION: Fill_play_buf()

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* DESCRIPTION : Keeps the DMA buffers filled with new data

until end of

* file.

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void Fill_play_buf(unsigned char *DMABuffer, int *BufToFill,

FILE *FileToPlay)

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```

    } while (!gEndOfFile); // gEndOfFile set in
    FillHalfOfBuffer()

```

```

    while (gLastBufferDonePlaying == FALSE); // Wait until
5    done playing

```

```

    return;
}

```

```

10  /*****

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```

    *****/

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```

    * FUNCTION: FillHalfOfBuffer()

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```

    *

```

```

15  * DESCRIPTION : Fill each half of the DMA buffer.

```

```

    *

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```

    *****/

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    *****/

```

```

    unsigned int FillHalfOfBuffer(int *BufToFill, FILE

```

```

20  *FileToPlay,

```

```

        unsigned char *DMABuffer)

```

```

    {

```

```
unsigned int Count;
```

```
if (*BufToFill == 1) // Fill top 1/2 of DMA buffer
```

```
    DMABuffer += DMA_BUF_SIZE / 2;
```

5

```
if(gNoOfBytesLeftInFile < DMA_BUF_SIZE/2)
```

```
{
```

```
    fread(DMABuffer,(int) gNoOfBytesLeftInFile, 1,
```

```
FileToPlay);
```

```
    Count = (int) gNoOfBytesLeftInFile;
```

```
    gNoOfBytesLeftInFile = 0;
```

```
    gEndOfFile = TRUE;
```

```
}
```

```
else
```

```
{
```

```
    fread(DMABuffer, DMA_BUF_SIZE/2, 1, FileToPlay);
```

```
    Count = DMA_BUF_SIZE/2;
```

```
    gNoOfBytesLeftInFile -= DMA_BUF_SIZE/2;
```

```
}
```

```
*BufToFill ^= 1; // Toggle to fill other 1/2 of buffer
```


next time.

return(Count);

}

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*

* FUNCTION: DMAOutputISR()

*

* DESCRIPTION: Interrupt service routine. Every time the

DSP chip finishes

* playing half of the DMA buffer in auto-init

mode, an

* interrupt is generated, which invokes this

routine.

*

*****/

20 void interrupt DMAOutputISR(void)

{

```
int IntStatus;
```

```
if (g16BitDMA == TRUE)
```

```
{
```

```
5      outp(Base + 4, 0x82);    // Select interrupt status
```

```
reg. in mixer
```

```
      IntStatus = inp(Base + 5); // Read interrupt status
```

```
reg.
```

```
10      if (IntStatus & 2)
```

```
          inp(Base + 0xF); // Acknowledge interrupt (16-bit)
```

```
}
```

```
else
```

```
      inp(Base + (int) DSP_DATA_AVAIL); // Acknowledge
```

```
15      interrupt (8-bit)
```

```
gBufNowPlaying ^= 1;
```

```
outp(PIC_MODE, (int) PIC_END_OF_INT); // End of interrupt
```

```
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```

```
if (SecondToLastBufferPlayed)
```

```
    gLastBufferDonePlaying = TRUE;
```

```
if (gEndOfFile)
```

```
    SecondToLastBufferPlayed = TRUE;
```

```
    return;
```

```
5    }
```

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/******
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10 *
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```
* FUNCTION: InitDMADSP()
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*
```

```
* DESCRIPTION: This function reads the first data block of  
the file and
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```
15 *      from it obtains information that is needed to  
program the
```

```
*      DMA and DSP chips. After reading the data  
block, the file
```

```
*      pointer points to the first byte of the voice
```

```
20 data.
```

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*
```

```
*      NOTE: The DMA chip is ALWAYS programmed for
```

auto-init mode

* (command 0x58)! The DSP chip will be

programmed for

* auto-init or single-cycle mode

5 depending upon

* conditions--see Play() for details.

*

*****/

10 char InitDMADSP(unsigned long BufPhysAddr, int DMACHan8Bit,

int DMACHan16Bit)

{

int DMAAddr,

15 DMACount,

DMAPage,

Offset,

Page,

Temp;

20

unsigned char ByteTimeConstant;

```

/*--- GET DMA ADDR., COUNT, AND PAGE FOR THE DMA CHANNEL
USED -----*/

```

```

/*-----

```

```

5 -----*/

```

```

if (wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 8)

```

```

{

```

```

    g16BitDMA = FALSE; // DMA is not 16-bit (it's 8-bit).

```

```

10 switch(DMAChan8Bit) // File is 8-bit. Program DMA 8-
    bit DMA channel

```

```

    {

```

```

        case 0:

```

```

            DMAAddr = DMA0_ADDR;

```

```

15 DMACount = DMA0_COUNT;

```

```

            DMAPage = DMA0_PAGE;

```

```

            break;

```

```

        case 1:

```

```

20 DMAAddr = DMA1_ADDR;

```

```

            DMACount = DMA1_COUNT;

```

```

            DMAPage = DMA1_PAGE;

```

```
break;
```

```
case 3:
```

```
DMAAddr = DMA3_ADDR;
```

```
5 DMACount = DMA3_COUNT;
```

```
DMAPage = DMA3_PAGE;
```

```
break;
```

```
default:
```

```
return(FAIL);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
else
```

```
{
```

```
g16BitDMA = TRUE; // DMA is 16-bit (not 8-bit).
```

```
switch(DMAChan16Bit) // File is 16-bit. Program DMA 16-
```

```
bit DMA channel
```

```
{
```

```
case 5:
```

```
DMAAddr = DMA5_ADDR;
```

DMACount = DMA5_COUNT;

DMAPage = DMA5_PAGE;

break;

5 case 6:

DMAAddr = DMA6_ADDR;

DMACount = DMA6_COUNT;

DMAPage = DMA6_PAGE;

break;

case 7:

DMAAddr = DMA7_ADDR;

DMACount = DMA7_COUNT;

DMAPage = DMA7_PAGE;

break;

default:

return(FAIL);

}

DMAChan16Bit -= 4; // Convert

10 50 20 40 30 15

5

/*

```
Page = (int) (BufPhysAddr >> 16);
```

```
Offset = (int) (BufPhysAddr & 0xFFFF);
```

```
if (wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 8) // 8-bit file--Program 8-
```

bit DMA controller

{

```
outp(DMA8_MASK_REG, (int) (DMAChan8Bit | 4)); //
```

Disable DMA while prog.

```
outp(DMA8_FF_REG, (int) 0); //
```

Clear the flip-flop

```
outp(DMA8_MODE_REG, (int) (DMAChan8Bit | 0x58)); // 8-
```

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bit auto-init

```
outp(DMACount, (int) ((DMA_BUF_SIZE - 1) & 0xFF)); // LO
```

byte of count


```
outp(DMACount, (int) ((DMA_BUF_SIZE - 1) >> 8)); // HI
```

byte of count

}

```
else // 16-bit file--Program 16-bit DMA controller
```

{

```
// Offset for 16-bit DMA channel must be calculated
```

differently...

```
// Shift Offset 1 bit right, then copy LSB of Page to
```

MSB of Offset.

```
Temp = Page & 0x0001; // Get LSB of Page and...
```

```
Temp <<= 15;    // ...move it to MSB of Temp.
```

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Offset >>= 1;    // Divide Offset by 2
```

```
Offset &= 0x7FFF;    // Clear MSB of Offset
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```
Offset |= Temp;    // Put LSB of Page into MSB of
```

Offset

```
outp(DMA16_MASK_REG, (int) (DMAChan16Bit | 4)); //
```

Disable DMA while prog.

```
outp(DMA16_FF_REG, (int) 0);           //
```

Clear the flip-flop

```
outp(DMA16_MODE_REG, (int) (DMAChan16Bit | 0x58)); //
```

16-bit auto-init

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    outp(DMACount, (int) ((DMA_BUF_SIZE/2 - 1) & 0xFF)); //
```

LO byte of count

```
    outp(DMACount, (int) ((DMA_BUF_SIZE/2 - 1) >> 8)); //
```

5 HI byte of count

```
}
```

```
    outp(DMAPage, Page);          // Physical page
```

10 number

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    outp(DMAAddr, (int) (Offset & 0xFF)); // LO byte address
```

of buffer

```
    outp(DMAAddr, (int) (Offset >> 8)); // HI byte address
```

of buffer

```
// Done programming the DMA, enable it
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```
if (wavehdr.bits_per_sample == 8)
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```
    outp(DMA8_MASK_REG, DMAChan8Bit);
```

20 else

```
    outp(DMA16_MASK_REG, DMAChan16Bit);
```

```

/*--- PROGRAM THE DSP CHIP -----
-----*/

/*-----
-----*/

5   if(DSP_Ver < 4)

    {

        ByteTimeConstant = (unsigned char) (256 -
10000000L/wavehdr.samples_per_sec);

        DSPOut(Base, (int) DSP_TIME_CONSTANT);

10    DSPOut(Base, (int) ByteTimeConstant);

    }

    DSPOut(Base, 0x00D1); // Must turn speaker ON before
doing D/A conv.

15

    return(SUCCESS);

}

20  /*****

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* FUNCTION: AllocateDMABuffer()

*

* DESCRIPTION : Allocate memory for the DMA buffer. After
memory is

5 * allocated for the buffer, call OnSamePage()

to verify

* that the entire buffer is located on the
same page.

* If the buffer crosses a page boundary,

10 allocate another

* buffer. Continue this process until the DMA
buffer resides

* entirely within the same page.

*

15 * ENTRY: **DMABuffer is the address of the pointer that will
point to

* the memory allocated.

*

* EXIT: If a buffer is successfully allocated, *DMABuffer

20 will point to

* the buffer and the physical address of the buffer
pointer will

```

*   be returned.
*
*   If a buffer is NOT successfully allocated, return
FAIL.

```

```

5  *
*****
*****/

```

```

unsigned long AllocateDMABuffer(unsigned char **DMABuffer)

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```

{

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```

    unsigned char BufferNotAllocated = TRUE,

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        Done = FALSE,

```

```

        *PtrAllocated[100];

```

```

    int      i,

```

```

        Index = 0;

```

```

    unsigned long PhysAddress;

```

```

    do

```

```

    {

```

```

        *DMABuffer = (unsigned char *) malloc(DMA_BUF_SIZE);

```

```

if (*DMABuffer != NULL)
{
    /*--- Save the ptr for every malloc() performed ---*/

    PtrAllocated[Index] = *DMABuffer;

5    Index++;

    /*--- If entire buffer is within one page, we're out
of here! ---*/

    PhysAddress = OnSamePage(*DMABuffer);

10    if (PhysAddress != FAIL)
    {
        BufferNotAllocated = FALSE;

        Done = TRUE;

    }

15 }
else

    Done = TRUE; // malloc() couldn't supply requested
memory

20 } while (!Done);

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```
if (BufferNotAllocated)
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{
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```
    Index++;          // Incr. Index so most recent
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malloc() gets free()d
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5     PhysAddress = FAIL; // return FAIL
```

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}
```

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/*--- Deallocate all memory blocks crossing a page
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boundary ---*/
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```
10    for (i= 0; i < Index - 1; i++)
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```
        free(PtrAllocated[i]);
```

```
    return(PhysAddress);
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}
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15  /*****
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```
20  * FUNCTION: OnSamePage()
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* DESCRIPTION: Check the memory block pointed to by the
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parameter

* passed to make sure the entire block of

memory is on the

* same page. If a buffer DOES cross a page

5 boundary,

* return FAIL. Otherwise, return the physical

address

* of the beginning of the DMA buffer.

*

10 * ENTRY: *DMABuffer - Points to beginning of DMA buffer.

*

* EXIT: If the buffer is located entirely within one page,

return the

* physical address of the buffer pointer. Otherwise

15 return FAIL.

*

*****/

unsigned long OnSamePage(unsigned char *DMABuffer)

20 {

unsigned long BegBuffer,

EndBuffer,

PhysAddress;

/*----- Obtain the physical address of DMABuffer -----*/

BegBuffer = ((unsigned long) (FP_SEG(DMABuffer)) << 4) +

5 (unsigned long) FP_OFF(DMABuffer);

EndBuffer = BegBuffer + DMA_BUF_SIZE - 1;

PhysAddress = BegBuffer;

/*-- Get page numbers for start and end of DMA buffer. --

10 */

BegBuffer >>= 16;

EndBuffer >>= 16;

if (BegBuffer == EndBuffer)

15 return(PhysAddress); // Entire buffer IS on same page!

return(FAIL); // Entire buffer NOT on same page. Thanks

Intel!

}

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/******

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*****/

char GetBlasterEnv(int *DMACHan8Bit, int *DMACHan16Bit, int

*IRQNumber)

{

5 char Buffer[5],

DMAChannelNotFound = TRUE,

*EnvString,

IOPortNotFound = TRUE,

IRQNotFound = TRUE,

10 SaveChar;

int digit,

i,

multiplier;

EnvString = getenv("BLASTER");

if (EnvString == NULL)

20 return(FAIL);

do


```
else if (Buffer[i] >= 'a' && Buffer[i] <= 'f')
```

```
    digit = Buffer[i] - 'a' + 10;
```

```
    Base = Base + digit * multiplier;
```

```
5    multiplier *= 16;
```

```
}
```

```
IOPortNotFound = FALSE;
```

```
break;
```

```
case 'D': // 8-bit DMA channel
```

```
case 'd':
```

```
case 'H': // 16-bit DMA channel
```

```
case 'h':
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```
SaveChar = *EnvString;
```

```
EnvString++;
```

```
Buffer[0] = *EnvString;
```

```
EnvString++;
```

```
20 if (*EnvString >= '0' && *EnvString <= '9')
```

```
{
```

```
Buffer[1] = *EnvString; // DMA Channel No. is 2 digits
```

```
Buffer[2] = 0;
```

```
EnvString++;
```

```
}
```

```
5 else
```

```
Buffer[1] = 0; // DMA Channel No. is 1 digit
```

```
if (SaveChar == 'D' || SaveChar == 'd')
```

```
*DMAChan8Bit = atoi(Buffer); // 8-Bit DMA channel
```

```
else
```

```
*DMAChan16Bit = atoi(Buffer); // 16-bit DMA channel
```

```
DMAChannelNotFound = FALSE;
```

```
break;
```

```
case 'I': // IRQ number
```

```
case 'i':
```

```
EnvString++;
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```
Buffer[0] = *EnvString;
```

```
EnvString++;
```

```
20 if (*EnvString >= '0' && *EnvString <= '9')
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```
{
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```

return(SUCCESS);
}

```

```

5  /*******

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*

* FUNCTION: DSPOut()

*

10 * DESCRIPTION: Writes the value passed to this function to
the DSP chip.

*

*****

*****/

15 void DSPOut(int IOBasePort, int WriteValue)
{

// Wait until DSP is ready before writing the command

while ((inp(IOBasePort + DSP_WRITE_PORT) & 0x80) != 0);

20 outp(IOBasePort + DSP_WRITE_PORT, WriteValue);

return;

}

```


void (_interrupt _far *lpfnOldISR)();

void _interrupt _far MyISRFunction(unsigned int,...);

/* NAME: set_error_handlers()

PROGRAMMER: Nandini Pattison - Marketing/Field Services IWS

5 PURPOSE: Determines the routine to be called when there is
 a hardware error.

PARAMETERS: None.

RETURNS: None

NOTE: This routine should be called right after starting
10 an application.

*/

void set_error_handlers(void)

{

15 max_tries = 5;

lpfnOldISR = _dos_getvect((unsigned)0x24); // Save the old vector

_dos_setvect(0x24, MyISRFunction); // Point the vector at my ISR

}

20 /* NAME: release_error_handlers()

PROGRAMMER: Nandini Pattison - Marketing/Field Services IWS

PURPOSE: Cleans up DOS and restores it to the state it was in
before we hooked the interrupt.

PARAMETERS: None.

RETURNS: None

5 NOTE: This routine should be called right before leaving
an application.

*/

void release_error_handlers()

{

_dos_setvect(0x24, lpfnOldISR); // Put the old ISR back.

}

15 /* NAME: void _interrupt _far MyISRFunction

PROGRAMMER: Nandini Pattison - Marketing/Field Services IWS

PURPOSE: Handles hardware error problems. Retries 3 times.

If the problem persists, it reboots.

20 PARAMETERS: CPU registers.

RETURNS: None

NOTE: This routine should not be directly called by the

application. It should only be used by the routine

set_hardware_error().

*/

void _interrupt _far MyISRFunction(_es,_ds,_di,_si,_bp,_sp,_bx,_dx,_cx,_ax)

5 unsigned int _es;

unsigned int _ds;

unsigned int _di;

unsigned int _si;

unsigned int _bp;

10 unsigned int _sp;

unsigned int _bx;

unsigned int _dx;

unsigned int _cx;

unsigned int _ax;

{

void (_far *Post)(void);

if(++hard_flag > max_tries) {

if (fail_status == ABORT) {

((void _far *)Post) = (void _far *) (unsigned long) 0xFFFF0000;

20 (*Post)(); // reboot!

} else _ax = IGNORE;

} else _ax = RETRY;

```
}
```

```
5 void startnovell()
{
  /*******
  int fp, try;

  char filename[45];
10 struct ncbrec far *ncbptr;

  char far *p;

  union _REGS inregs, outregs;

  struct _SREGS segregs;

  poll_rx = time_rx = 0;
15

  memset(masternamestg,0,sizeof(masternamestg));

  memset(pollstg,0,sizeof(pollstg));

  memset(netnamestg,0,sizeof(netnamestg));

  sprintf(pollstg,"POLL:%s%d.%s",cfg.cty,sab.ord,cfg.appname);
20 sprintf(masternamestg,"FIDS M.%s%d",cfg.cty,sab.ord);

  sprintf(netnamestg,"FIDS S.%s%d",cfg.cty,sab.ord);

  p = transbuffer;
```



```

    _int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs );

    } while (ncb.ret);

    _settextposition(23,15);

    _outtext("Registering Network Name      ");

5  memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));

    ncb.command = 0x36;

    strcpy(ncb.name,netnamestg);

    inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbptr );

    segregs.es = _FP_SEG( ncbptr );

10 _int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs );

    if (!ncb.ret) { netname = ncb.num;

        memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));

        ncb.command = 0x21 + 0x80;

        ncb.num = netname;

        ncb.len = 200;

        ncb.off = _FP_OFF(p);

        ncb.seg = _FP_SEG(p);

        inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbptr );

        segregs.es = _FP_SEG( ncbptr );

20 _int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs );

    } else

        logwrite("Network Registration","Could not resigter name",0,0);

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```
void stopnovell()
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/******
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union _REGS inregs, outregs;
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```
struct _SREGS segregs;
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```
struct ncbrec far *ncbptr;
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struct ncbrec ncbcancel;
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```
struct ncbrec far *ncbcanptr;
```

```
int try;
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if (ncb.cmplt) {
```

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do {
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    _settextposition(23,15);
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    _outtext("Cancel Pending Command");
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    ncbcanptr = &ncbcancel;
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```
    ncbptr = &ncb;
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    memset(&ncbcancel,0,sizeof(ncbcancel));
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    ncbcancel.command = 0x35;
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    ncbcancel.off = _FP_OFF(ncbptr);
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```
    ncbcancel.seg = _FP_SEG(ncbptr);
```

```

inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( nbcnptr );

segregs.es = _FP_SEG( nbcnptr );

_int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs );

printf("Result %d",nbcancel.ret);

5   } while ((nbcancel.ret != 0) && (nbcancel.ret != 0x24));

}

do {

    _settextposition(23,15);

    _outtext("Remove Netbios Network Name");

10   memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));

    ncb.command = 0x31;

    strcpy(ncb.name,netnamestg);

    inregs.x.bx = _FP_OFF( ncbptr );

    segregs.es = _FP_SEG( ncbptr );

15   _int86x(0x5c, &inregs, &outregs, &segregs );

    } while (ncb.ret);

    try = 0;

    do {

        _settextposition(23,15);

20   _outtext("Netbios Communication Reset");

        memset(&ncb,0,sizeof(ncb));

        ncb.command = 0x32;

```



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if ( abs ((int) (buf.st_mtime - curtime)) > 360) {

    puts("semaphore file too old");

    return 0;

}

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_stat( datafile, &buf);

/* check the time stamp on the actual datafile */

if ( abs ((int) (buf.st_mtime - curtime)) > 360) {

    puts("Datafile file too old");

    return 0;

}

```

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statfp = fopen(flagfile,"w");

fputs("Hi!",statfp);

fclose(statfp);

return 1;

}

```

```

20 int loadcfg(void) {

    char buffer[80];

    FILE *fp;

```



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p = strtok(NULL, " ,;");
strcpy(gatephrase, p);
p = strtok(NULL, "\n, ");
if ((p != NULL) && (!strcmp(p, "EVERY", 5))) {

```

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    p = strtok(NULL, ":");
    if (!strcmp(p, "FLIGHT", 5)) gatefreq = 0;
        else gatefreq = atoi(p);
    } else gatefreq = 1;
}

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if (!strcmp(buffer, "TITLE", 5)) {
    strtok(buffer, " ,;");
    p = strtok(NULL, " ,;");
    strcpy(titlefile, p);
    p = strtok(NULL, "\n, ");
    if ((p != NULL) && (!strcmp(p, "EVERY", 5))) {
        p = strtok(NULL, ":");
        if (!strcmp(p, "START", 5)) titlefreq = 0;
            else titlefreq = atoi(p);
    } else titlefreq = 25;
}

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```
puts("SB Variables not set, program aborting");
```

```
return -1;
```

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}
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*****/
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if (intladvance == 0) intladvance = 120;
```

```
if (advance == 0) advance = 120;
```

```
if (delaytime == 0) delaytime = 10;
```

```
return 0;
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```
}
```

```
void loadflights(void) {
```

```
int fp1, end_window;
```

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if ( (fp1 = open(datafile,O_BINARY | O_RDONLY)) > 0) {
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```
    loaded = 0;
```

```
    end_window = 0;
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```
    while (read(fp1,&workrec,sizeof(workrec)) &&
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        (loaded < 72) &&
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        (!end_window || (loaded < 15) ) ) {
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```
        workrec.IsNonStop = 1;
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        end_window = installrec();
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        if ((workrec.CityCode2[0] != 0x20) && (workrec.CityCode2[0])) {
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[illegible]

5

}

}

}

}

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/* FILE Player.C */

/* This file is just the call that says a single flight, after checking to be sure
that the required WAV files are present */

5  #include <stdio.h>

    #include <io.h>

    #include <fcntl.h>

    #include <stdlib.h>

    #include <string.h>
10  #include <conio.h>

    #include <dos.h>

    #include <sys/stat.h>

    #include "sb.h"
15  #include "winvista.h"

    extern char path[40];

    extern struct tagSIGN_INFO *arriv[350];

20  struct _stat buf;

    char filename[75];

```

unsigned char ca;

unsigned short ra;

unsigned short la;

5

unsigned char gstring[80];

FILE *fp;

unsigned int major;

unsigned int minor;

10

/* .WAV stuff */

unsigned long rID;

unsigned long rLen;

unsigned long wID;

15

unsigned long fID;

unsigned long fLen;

unsigned long fNext;

unsigned short wFormatTag;

unsigned short nChannels;

20

unsigned long nSamplesPerSec;

unsigned short nAvgBytesPerSec;

unsigned long dID;

```

unsigned long dLen;

void logwrite(char *a, char *b, int res, int blk);

void sayflight(int count) {

5
    char cityfile[75], gatefile[75];

    strcpy(cityfile,ctypath);

10    strcat(cityfile,arriv[count]->CityCode1);

    strcat(cityfile,".wav");

    strcpy(gatefile,gatpath);

15    strcat(gatefile,arriv[count]->Gate);

    strcat(gatefile,".wav");

    if((titlefreq == 0) && (count == 0)) playwav(titlefile);

    else if (titlefreq != 0) {

20        if((count % titlefreq) == 0) playwav(titlefile);

    }

```

```

if ((headerfreq == 0) && (count == 0)) playwav(headerfile);

else if (headerfreq != 0) {

    if ((count % headerfreq) == 0) playwav(headerfile);

}

```

5

```

if (_stat(cityfile,&buf) ) {

    logwrite("MISSING WAV",cityfile,0,0);

    printf("No WAV file for %s\n",cityfile);

    return;

}

```

10

```

if (_stat(gatefile,&buf)) {

    logwrite("MISSING WAV",gatefile,0,0);

    printf("No WAV file for %s\n",gatefile);

    return;

}

```

15

```

playwav(cityfile);

```

```

if (gatefreq == 0) playwav(gatephrase);

```

20

```

else if (gatefreq != 0) {

    if ((count % gatefreq) == 0) playwav(gatephrase);

}

```



```
playwav(gatefile);
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}
```

```
/* MASTER PROGRAM FILE : WAVE.C
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5 This file has the master initialization and program loop. It also contains

```
some misc functions */
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#include <time.h>
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#include <sys\types.h>
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10 #include <sys\stat.h>

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#include <stdio.h>
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#include <io.h>
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#include <fcntl.h>
```

15 #include <stdlib.h>

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#include <string.h>
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#include <conio.h>
```

```
#include <dos.h>
```

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#include <nit.h>
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```
#include "sb.h"
```

```
#include "winvista.h"
```

```

void wavplay_init(void);

int playwav(char *filename);

void sayflight(int count);

int init_sb_stuff(void);

5   int sb_close(void);

unsigned long _far *watchstop;


/* SIGN_INFO *arriv[350]; */

struct tagSIGN_INFO *arriv[350];

10  struct tagSIGN_INFO workrec;

typedef struct tagSIGN_INFO *ptRecords[];

typedef struct tagSIGN_INFO *fidsrecord;


int fp1;

15

int nowtime, loaded;

struct cities cty[500];


char path[40];

20 char statfile[45];

char datafile[45];

char flagfile[45];

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char dataname[15];
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char flag[15];
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char ctypath[40];
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char gatpath[40];
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char titlefile[40];
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int titlefreq;
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char headerfile[40];
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int headerfreq;
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char semaphore[40];
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```
char gatephrase[15];
```

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int gatefreq;
```

```
char deadair[15];
```

```
char badfile[15];
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```
char wavfile[15];
```

```
int advance;
```

```
int intladvance;
```

```
int delaytime;
```

```
int ctycnt;
```

```
int saytime;
```

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char curtime[15];
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    }

    } while (bytes_read);          /* until end of file */

    close(fp);

5    }

    printf("Loaded %d cities\n",ctycnt);

}

void attachcity(fidsrecord rec)

10 {
    int match, city_counter;

    if (rec->CityCode1[0]) {      /* if citys then get */

        match = 0;                /* LSpell */

        city_counter = -1;

15 do {
        city_counter++;

        if (!strcmp(rec->CityCode1,cty[city_counter].code)) match = 1;

    } while ((!match) && (city_counter <= ctycnt));

    if (match) {

20 strcpy(rec->LSpell1,cty[city_counter].big);

    }

```


}

}

void logstart(void)

5 While this invention has been described and referenced to illustrative embodiments, the description is not intended to be construed in a limiting sense. Various modifications and combinations of illustrative embodiments as well as other embodiments and inventions will become apparent to those persons skilled in the art upon reference or description. It is, therefore, intended that the pendent claims encompass any such modifications or embodiments.

What is Claimed is:

1. A digital signal conversion system for storing, retrieving, and converting real time digital signals to audio signals allowing for subsequent transmission and audio reception. Said system comprising:

at least one airline computerized reservation system serving as digital source computer;
at least one flight information file server communicably attached to the digital source computer;

at least one flight information database communicably attached to the flight information file server;

at least one data output means in communication with the digital source computer;
at least one local airport LAN communicably attached to the flight information file server;

at least one signal conversion computer communicably attached to the local airport LAN;
at least one signal conversion computer database communicably attached to the signal conversion computer;

an audio production capability in communication with the signal conversion computer;
a city code differentiation means in communication with the signal conversion computer;
an announcement generation means resident within the signal conversion computer;
at least one telephone circuit communicably attached to the signal conversion computer;
at least one airport location radio transmission LAN in communication with the telephone circuit;

at least one equalizer communicably attached to airport location radio transmission LAN;

at least one airport location radio transmitter communicably attached to the equalizer;
at least one airport location radio antennae communicably attached to the airport location
radio transmitter.

5 2. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the data
output means is a printer.

3. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the data
output means is a monitor.

10 4. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the audio
production capability data is a personal computer audio plug.

15 5. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the city
code differentiation means is a personal computer spelling disk.

6. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the
telephone circuit is a dedicated line.

20 7. The digital signal conversion system in accordance with claim 1 where the
telephone circuit is a signal transmission capability within a vertical network.

8. A computer readable memory containing a computer program for audible announcement generation comprising:

instructional means for retrieving flight information stored on the flight information database;

instructional means for storing retrieved flight information on the signal conversion computer database;

instructional means for loading the signal conversion computer software configuration;

instructional means for initializing the signal conversion computer airport location radio transmission LAN;

instructional means for retrieving flight information from the signal conversion computer database;

instructional means for sorting retrieved flight information into a desired sequence;

instructional means for articulating sequenced flight information;

instructional means for articulating standardized opening messages;

instructional means for determining an end program sequence termination request;

instructional means for verifying active signal conversion status.

9. The computer readable memory for announcement generation comprising in accordance with Claim 8 wherein the instructional means for determining an end program sequence termination request further comprises the steps of:

instructional means for determining if the signal conversion computer ESC key has been depressed;

instructional means for terminating signal conversion computer application program processing.

10. The computer readable memory for announcement generation comprising in accordance with Claim 8 wherein the instructional means for verifying active signal conversion status further comprises the steps of:

instructional means for determining if flight information is being received from the flight information file server;

instructional means for reinitializing the signal conversion computer if flight information is not being received from the flight information file server;

instructional means for retrieving flight information from the signal conversion computer database;

instructional means for loading the signal conversion computer software configuration;

instructional means for initializing the signal conversion computer airport location radio transmission LAN;

instructional means for playing standardized opening messages;

instructional means for retrieving flight information from the signal conversion computer database;

instructional means for sorting retrieved flight information into a desired sequence;

instructional means for articulating sequenced flight information;

instructional means for determining an end program sequence termination request;

instructional means for verifying active signal conversion status.

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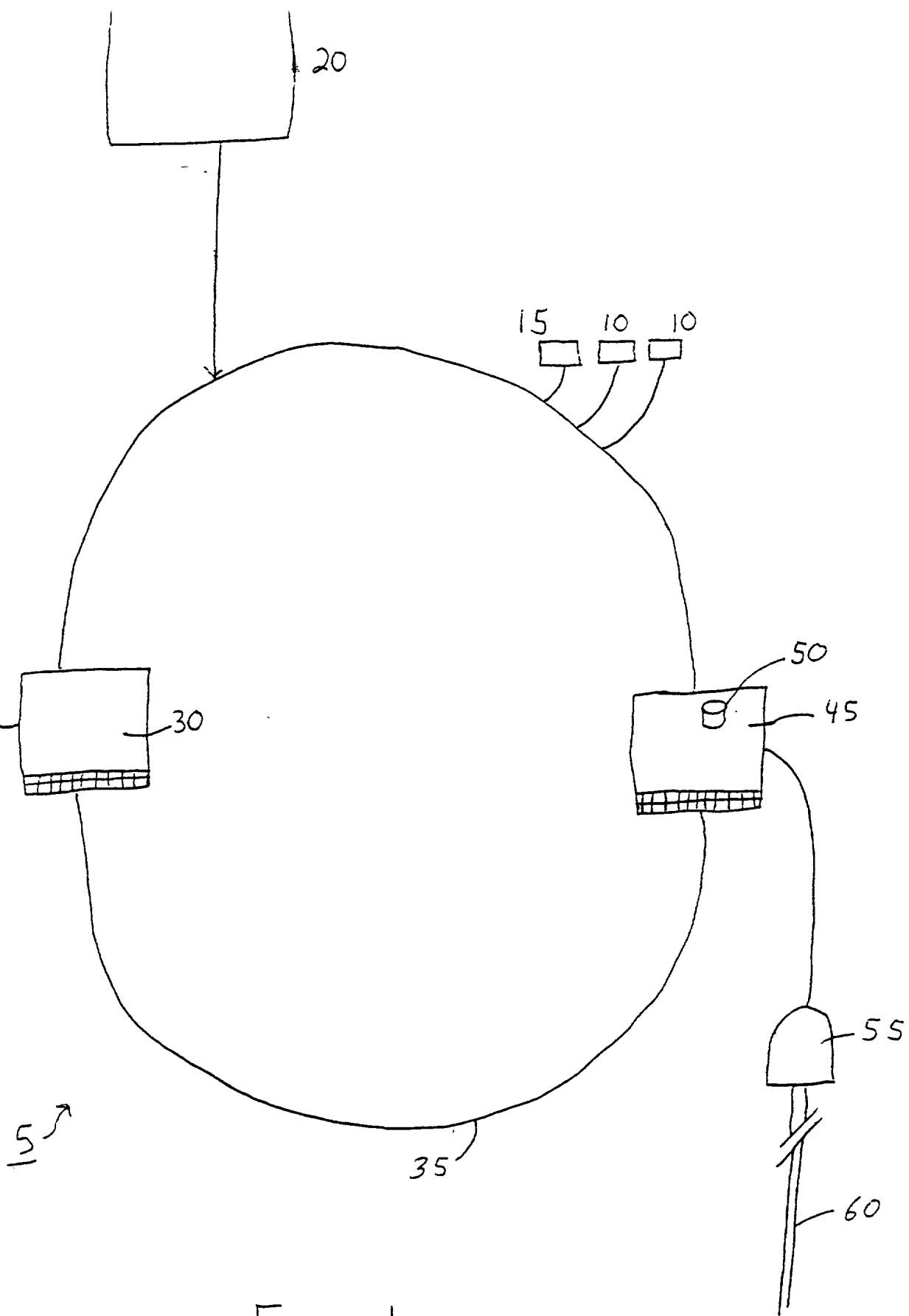


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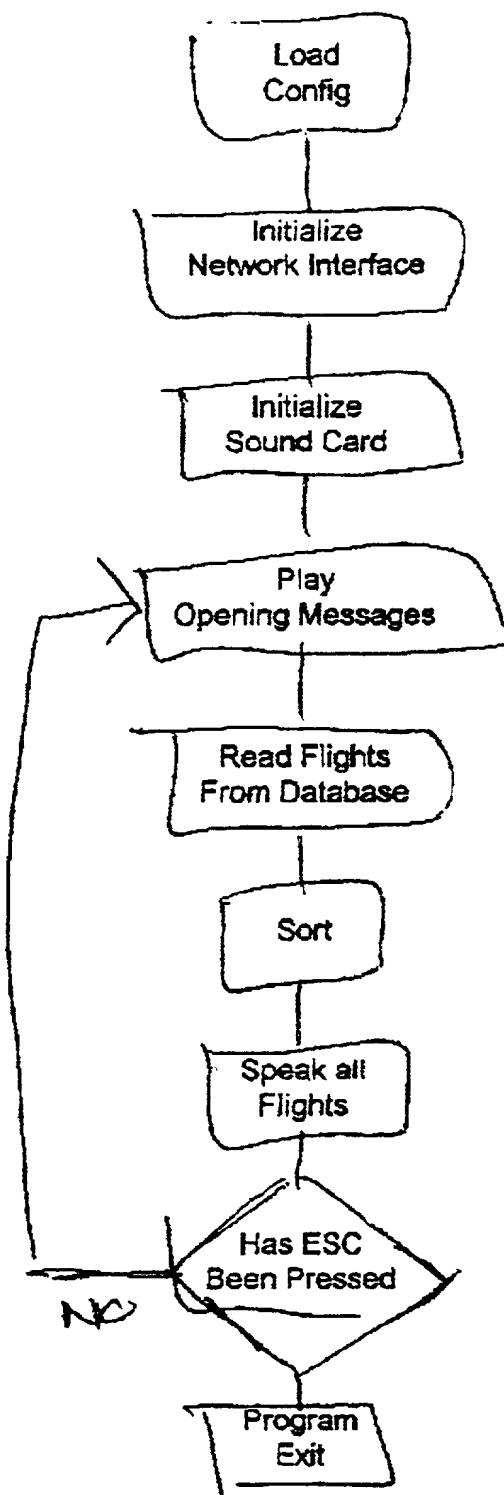


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